

## **OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**January 9, 2012**

### **Regular Meeting**

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, January 9, 2012. The following members were present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Larry Omo, Trustee; Nancy Price, Treasurer; Judy Sabaitis, Clerk; and Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 5 guests.

The regular meeting was called to order by Sue Miller.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the December 12, 2011 Board minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

The Treasurer's report was presented including payment of bills. The Board approved the reports and placed them on file.

#### Public Comment:

Rachel Smith representing the Branch County Conservation District-Prairie River Watershed Planning Project reviewed the project objectives and answered questions.

The Board reviewed the Lakeland Fire Department Agreement related to the Township Board's request for a copy of their insurance. The Fire Department provided a copy of the Limits of Insurance but not the Schedule of Endorsements. Sue Miller will contact Brian Timms of VFIS Insurance and request a copy of the endorsement listing Ovid Township on the policy. The Board tabled action until the February meeting.

The Board reviewed the request to split a lot in a platted subdivision-Lot 48 of Bussing Landing No. 2. The request is that Lot 49 also known as Parcel B on the survey (Daniel and Cathy Darnell) purchases 20' X 130' from Lot 48 also known as Parcel A on the survey (Beverly Gudakunet), making both lots 60' X 130'. The lot split eliminates the encroachment of Lot 49 on Lot 48. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the lot split request is approved as presented to bring both properties into compliance. MOTION CARRIED.

The annual Township meeting with the Branch County Road Commission is scheduled at 1 P.M. on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Branch County Sheriff Deputy Jim Holt presented statistics for the month, discussed jail population, and the 2012 budget.

The Board reviewed the \$6,468.20 cost overrun on the Sanford Road project with the Lockwood Community Church and the Township. On December 15<sup>th</sup> the Road Commission submitted the final invoice to the Township on Invoice #700846. In January the Road Commission contacted Sue Miller and submitted additional costs for the project including removing two trees, additional ditching and underestimated labor costs. After a lengthy discussion, the Board tabled action until after the annual Road Commission meeting. To allow all Board members to attend the annual meeting, the Board requested that Sue Miller contact the Road Commission to change the date from February 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 P.M.

The 2012-2013 Budget Workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 P.M and Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 P.M.

Reports:

Zoning – Ron Sampsel reported 2 permits were issued in December. The annual 2011 Zoning Administrator Report. In 2011 the Township issued 65 permits at an estimated value of \$1,576,207.

Assessing – Sue Miller stated the residential sales ratio is 49.15 or approximately an increase of 2% in the overall value of residential. The Ag sales ratio is 56.72 or an approximate decrease of 13% in the overall value of the Ag class. She informed the Board that a group of local assessors are on the agenda for the Personnel Committee meeting this week.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reviewed the Commissioner's Monthly Report including the 2012 balanced budget, Board assignments, MSU Extension memorandum agreement, GED program at the jail, the Building Inspection Department and dog licenses.

Cemetery – No report.

Correspondence reviewed and placed on file.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis  
Ovid Township Clerk